

RUSSIAN DEFEAT
IS NOW COMPLETE.
TOKIO CELEBRATING

General Kuropatkin Has Been Soundly Beaten by Field Marshal Oyama's Forces, and Russians are now in Full Retreat.

THE RAILWAY CUT
NORTH OF MUKDEN

Making Retreat Much More Difficult Than at Liao Yang --Reported Today That Japanese Have Occupied Mukden.

Tokio, March 9.—It is officially confirmed that the Japanese have cut the railway north of Mukden. The pursuit of the Russian army continues. The people are already celebrating the victory of the Japanese arms before Mukden. During the night the city was gaily decorated with flags. The results of the expected pursuit of the Russian army today is awaited with the most intense anticipation.

CUTTING OFF KUROPATKIN.
Japanese Between Mukden and Tie Pass --So Kuropatkin Reports.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—General Kuropatkin, chief of staff, reports today that several attacks were made during the night on his north and front, but they were all repulsed. This would indicate that the Japanese are between Mukden and Tie pass. The Russian correspondent reports that two Japanese divisions are north of Mukden.

The officials here manifest the greatest uneasiness, as the indications are that the Russians are hemmed in by the enemy.

HAVE OCCUPIED MUKDEN?
Report in Berlin That Japanese Have.

Berlin, March 9.—The Loka Anzeiger prints a despatch to the effect that the Japanese have occupied Mukden.

COMPLETE RUSSIAN DEFEAT.

News of Disaster Slowly Coming Out at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The battle of Mukden has resulted in a Russian defeat.

Field Marshal Oyama, once more has proven himself one of the greatest masters of offensive strategy since Napoleon, while General Kuropatkin now is engaged in endeavoring to defend his title as a master of successful retreats and bring off his army with its immense train, safely to Tie pass, where a position long ago was prepared with this contingency in view. The problem before the Russian commander-in-chief is much more difficult than the one he met successfully at Liao Yang, since now he is threatened on both flanks, his left wing being entangled in a mountainous region far from the railroad. Nevertheless, Russian artillery men here express a fair degree of confidence in General Kuropatkin's ability to once more extricate his army and avoid a Russian Sedan. Besides his skill in rear guard action, they base their hopes on the physical condition of the Japanese soldiers, who, though they are conceded to be the greatest marchers in the world, are well nigh exhausted by the strenuous endeavors of the last fortnight.

RETIRING IN GOOD ORDER.

Russians Making Desperate Effort to Get Away from Japs.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—Despatches from the front state that the Russian army in the East is retiring in good order in the center and that soldier are destroying the railroads as they retire. Fighting has become rear guard action, as the Russians cover their retreat. The Russian losses yesterday in one right flank alone numbered 7,000. North of Mukden the Japanese are reported to be working from a position parallel to the railway, about four versts north of the imperial tombs and five versts from the railway.

Soldiers Are Exhausted.

Mukden, March 9.—The fighting yesterday engaged the troops along the entire front. The men, who have not slept for many nights, are exhausted. The fighting on Tuesday on the Russian right was for the possession of Tateh-kiao, eight miles from Mukden on the Siningting road and at Yuhanshun. At the latter place the struggle was most desperate and General Kuropatkin personally directed affairs until the Russians had retreated safely, under a rain of shrapnel.

BRITISH SHIPS CAPTURED.

Thirty-Two Carrying Contraband of War Seized Since the War Began.

Tokio, March 9.—The British steamer Venus, from Cardiff for Vladivostok, was captured by a Japanese warship March 4 and the British steamer Aphrodite, from Cardiff for Vladivostok, was seized by a warship of Japan March 6. Since the war began Japan has taken possession of thirty-two steamers carrying contraband of war. These vessels are of a thousand tons and upwards, the whole totalling 100,000 tons.

DEAD IN COAL ELEVATOR.

William L. Waldo of Burlington, Victim of Strange Accident.

Burlington, March 9.—William L. Waldo, a drug clerk in the employ of T. P. Daley of the Marine pharmacy was found dead on top of the Lyman coal elevator at noon yesterday. His head was lying on a rail of the track on which coal cars are run up in the building and a surgical examination showed that the skull had been fractured at the base of the brain, the result, undoubtedly, of a fall.

Mr. Daley, at his house, gave Waldo the key of the pharmacy at 7:15 yesterday morning. He was then in his normal condition. He left the pharmacy, as it afterwards appeared, between 8:30 and 9, and was not seen again alive.

It was in a semi-insane freak, probably, that he ascended to the top of the elevator, climbing up a fifty-foot ladder to reach the roof. There he was seized with dizziness, probably, and fell backward, with fatal result.

Mr. Waldo was 39 years of age and unmarried. He had been in Mr. Daley's employ for five years, coming here from Brandon. He was a native of Wallingford and was the last member of his family except an uncle, who has been communicated with and who will presumably arrange for the funeral.

A TWO WEEKS' OLD INFANT.

Baby Girl Left at Home of Sudbury Couple, in a Basket.

Brandon, March 9.—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones, who reside in Sudbury, were much surprised Tuesday evening to find that someone had left at their home a baby girl about two weeks old. The infant was in a basket and was left at the Jones' home while Mr. and Mrs. Jones were in Leicester, where they had spent the day. The basket which contained the baby was left at the kitchen door between six and seven o'clock in the evening, and was first noticed by an employee of Mr. Jones, who was returning to the house from the barn. The infant was somewhat chilled and was undoubtedly under the influence of some opiate. It is thought that the baby was left at the house by a woman and the length of the steps in the snow show that the person must have been in considerable of a hurry after leaving the basket.

Wm. Miers has put in at his barber shop an air compressor for massage treatment and dry shampooing.

BURLINGTON BASE BALL.

Meeting of Directors To Be Called --League Meeting Last of March.

Burlington, March 9.—The project of a six team membership for the Northern League which will include Ottawa, Burlington, Montreal, Montpelier-Barre, Rutland and Plattsburg seems to meet with the approbation of the Burlington "fans." It seems more than likely now that these will constitute the Northern League for 1905, and that the season will be 14 weeks long instead of 10. It means playing every day in the week, three games in each city. A meeting of league representatives will be called at Burlington for the last of March. A meeting of the directors of the Burlington Base Ball Association will be called in a few days.

DEAD-LOCK IN DENVER.

Republicans Divided Over Who Should Be Declared Governor.

Denver, March 9.—Proceedings in the joint convention of the General Assembly yesterday indicate a deadlock in the gubernatorial contest. Twenty-two Republican members joined forces with the Democrats on a test vote and these Republicans, it is reported, have agreed to stand together in favor of seating Lieut.-Gov. Jesse A. McDonald as governor. There are forty-four other Republican members who will vote for James H. Peabody. This is five less than a majority. The Democratic vote of 31 on joint ballot will be cast solidly for Gov. Alva Adams.

ANOTHER MAN MISSING.

Started to Cross Lake Champlain a Week Ago.

Burlington, March 9.—William B. Howard, 35, of this city, has been missing since Wednesday of last week. He started across Lake Champlain at 5 o'clock that afternoon with his dog. The dog came back. The man probably perished. He was 5 feet tall, with light moustache, wore dark clothes, overcoat and derby hat. He has a wife and three children.

Assignment of New York Firm.

New York, March 9.—The assignment of O. L. Simpson is announced on the Consolidated stock and petroleum exchange this morning.

IMPROVEMENT
IN CONDITION

Affairs Almost Normal in New York's

RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM.

Efforts to Be Made by Strikers to Get Power House Men to Strike, Which Would Stop Every Train.

New York, March 9.—Much improvement was noted this morning in the movement of trains on the elevated and subway lines of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, and the officials of the company declare that the strike of 5,000 employees is broken. The company report this morning that many former employees are applying for their old jobs. The men will be taken back, but will lose their seniority.

An effort will be made by the leaders of the strike to get the employees of the power houses, which supply power to the roads, to quit. The company says that the employees in the power house are non-union men, who will not go out.

The strikers are confident, and assert portion of the repayments have been denied that any of the union men have gone back to work.

OVER A MILLION REBATE.

Freight Auditor of the Santa Fe Gives Evidence Against the Road.

Topeka, Kans., March 9.—During the year ending June 30, 1904, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company paid back to shippers \$1,198,352, according to W. J. Healy, freight auditor of the Santa Fe, who testified yesterday before the attorney-general, who is taking depositions in the case instituted to ascertain whether the Santa Fe is violating the anti-trust law of Kansas. Mr. Healy said that this amount constitutes the total of over charges made for the year, but declined to give the names of the shippers to whom payments were made.

It will be the aim of the state to show that these over charges are in reality rebates, and that the greater portion of the repayments have been made to the Standard Oil company, and other big corporations.

COWBOYS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Spent an Hour Chatting With the President.

Washington, March 8.—Capt. Seth Bullock and his company of cowboys were received tonight by President Roosevelt. They walked to the White House in the rain, having sold their ponies which they brought with them from the West. Captain Bullock and his men remained at the White House for an hour, having an informal chat and a smoke with the President, who gave them a cordial greeting. They leave for home tomorrow.

The reception was the outcome of the presentation today by the cowboys to young Theodore Roosevelt of one of the ponies they brought with them, a strong range gray animal 14 or 15 hands high, which the young man admired.

UNKNOWN MAN INJURED.

Slippery Sidewalks at Hardwick Responsible for Bad Scalp Wound.

Hardwick, March 9.—An unknown man fell on the sidewalk in front of H. R. Kimball's pharmacy last evening at 8 o'clock and received a bad scalp wound. As he fell his head came in contact with a window casing of Mr. Kimball's store. He went to Dr. E. M. Crane and four stitches were taken in the wound.

The sidewalks have been in a dangerous condition nearly all winter and some one has fallen on them nearly every day, although there have been remarkably few serious accidents.

GAS EXPLODED IN CHURCH.

One Woman Killed and 26 Other Persons Injured.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 9.—An explosion of illuminating gas in the cellar of the Mormon meeting house at Granger, near here, yesterday killed one young woman and seriously injured 26 other persons, mostly young women and children. The meeting house was wrecked.

While the Granger Mutual Improvement association was in session, the lights went out. A boy went into the cellar with a lamp to see what was wrong and the explosion followed. Miss Nellie Macakay, the church organist, was instantly killed. A panic ensued, and in their efforts to escape from the building many persons were trampled on and injured.

WILL REPORT FAVORABLY.

Senate Committee So Decides on San Domingo Treaty.

Washington, March 9.—The Senate committee on foreign relations this morning decided to make a favorable report on the San Domingo treaty.

MAY REQUIRE
AN ELECTION

Tie Vote For Second Constable Raises Issue.

CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZES

Board of Aldermen Meets Long Enough to Re-elect John J. McKenzie President and Then Adjourns.

The new city government met for the first time last evening with a few introductory remarks by Mayor Barclay, in which he expressed his thanks to the board of aldermen for the aid they had given him in the year past, and while he expected honest differences of opinion, he hoped the same harmony would prevail in the year to come. City Clerk Mackay then administered the oath of office to the four members elected Tuesday and the meeting was opened.

The old rules governing proceedings were adopted for the year to come, and the city clerk read the official returns, calling attention to the fact that there had been no election for second constable. He stated it might be necessary to have another election if either of the two leading candidates failed for it, but as there was no provision for such a contingency in the city charter, and the general statutes only relate to majority elections it was a question which should not be acted upon hastily. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

A resolution giving jurisdiction of the state to the first constable, M. B. Nichols, was adopted.

The bonds for certain city officials were fixed as follows: city clerk, \$10,000; city treasurer, \$25,000; first constable, \$15,000; second constable, \$10,000.

The two members of last year's water committee reported verbally that they had arranged with the mill owners along the stream to pump water from Stevens branch until the city reservoirs have a more plentiful supply.

F. E. Colburn, building inspector, thought the old fire station in a fairly good condition and worth repairing to rent to G. A. Wilkinson. After City Engineer Allen had called attention to the fact that a new bridge might have to be placed across the stream at Prospect street before the end of five years, necessitating the removal of a part of the fire station, it was voted that the property committee be empowered to make a five year lease with Mr. Wilkinson at his offer.

Building Inspector Colburn reported but one building permit granted in February. He reported he was making weekly inspections of the business district, and found conditions improved.

E. L. Smith and Alex Buchan of the cemetery commission were present. Mr. Smith explained that they wanted pay for three years back. They had made out an order for three years' pay, but the city treasurer refused to pay it. Alex Buchan stated the commission used up many an afternoon in attending to the duties of the position and \$25 a year would no more than make good for lost time.

Several of the aldermen seemed willing to allow three years' pay if it could be legally done. Alderman Snowden wanted to know if this was allowed, there was any danger of the commission now coming in for back pay. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

Fred L. Page and C. A. Smith of the board of assessors, told of what had been done by the board and what it was trying to do, and asked for authority to employ canvassers, office clerk and to begin on the real estate records two weeks before April 1st. City Clerk Mackay explained what he had done in the way of a card index of real estate transfers, enabling the assessors to do better and quicker work in looking those up, but he thought a two weeks' start before April 1st would be of great advantage to the assessors in the successful prosecution of their work. He also called attention that errors had been made the past year by the assessors allowing the office clerk to take inventories, something they had no right to do. The things asked for were then voted by the council.

The city engineer was authorized to purchase a valve for the reducing chamber at East Barre.

The council then adjourned to Friday evening, when the mayor will name the committees.

Board of Aldermen.

A meeting of the board of aldermen was held by City Clerk Mackay. Alderman Burke, seconded by Albion, nominated Alderman McKenzie as president of the board and he was unanimously elected.

COREY RELEASED.

Case Against Him Not Pressed for Lack of Evidence.

Montpelier, March 9.—Charles Corey, who has been held in county jail here on suspicion of having murdered Charles McLane of Worcester last March, was released today by State's Attorney Jackson on lack of evidence.

Senator Bates Dead.

Washington, March 9.—Senator Wm. Brengle Bates of Tennessee died at the Ebbett House this morning of pneumonia, which resulted in heart failure. His age was 79 years.

SIGNED TODAY.

Under It Quincy Cutters Will Go to Work Monday.

Quincy, Mass., March 9.—The details of the new agreement between the granite manufacturers and the cutters' union were agreed to last night. The scale will be signed by both parties today and work will be resumed by the strikers Monday.

The new bill runs three years from March 1st, 1905. The minimum wage for an eight-hour day is three dollars. It is provided that any man incapable of earning that amount may work for less, the amount to be paid him to be based on what he can make under the bill of prices for piece work on stones. Three apprentices are to be allowed for one gang. The bill of prices for piece work is an average increase of seven per cent over the 1900 bill. A meeting to settle with the tool sharpeners is to be held today.

O'LEARYS TOOK TWO.

From Dewey's Colts at Montpelier Last Evening.

Montpelier, March 9.—The O'Learys of Barre took two strings from Dewey's Colts last evening at Bascomb's bowling alleys, in their match in the Inter-City league.

O'LEARYS.			
Trenoweth	138	100	176-474
J. Fraser	131	132	113-366
Davie	162	107	177-446
Charbonneau	133	125	186-444
Byrnes	107	132	177-436
661 876 829 2166			

DEWEY'S COLTS.

Davis	169	127	125-431
Ledue	112	138	107-357
Pecue	165	116	150-431
F. Bascomb	113		113
Mareotte	138	154	292
Dewey	147	143	162-432
706 662 698 2066			

The Hot Airs of Montpelier failed to show up at the local bowling alleys last evening to play their scheduled game with the Eagles.

SECOND YEAR MEN WON.

In Basket Ball Game With Spaulding Third Year Men.

In a very close and exciting game of basket ball, the third year men at Spaulding high school were defeated by the second year men by the score of 16 to 15, at the end of the second twenty minute period (which should have been the end of the game) the score stood 13 to 13, so a third period of 15 minutes was played.

The line-up:

1906
Halvosa, f.,.....f., Worthen
Fisher, f.,.....f., Halvosa (Geo.)
Carwell, c.,.....c., Bruce
Kenefick, g.,.....g., Reid
Sector, g.,.....g., Carroll
Smith, referee; Sector, umpire; time, two 20 minutes periods and one 15 minute period.

PHILOMATHIANS ENTERTAIN.

The Tourist and Athena Clubs Their Guests Last Evening.

The Philomathians entertained the Athena and Tourist clubs at the home of Mrs. W. F. Shepard last evening. Miss Badger, art teacher in the city schools, gave an interesting talk on "Value in Art," and Mrs. A. A. Sargent rendered some delightful piano selections. Refreshments were served and a highly enjoyable social hour passed.

SAULSBURY TO BE SENTENCED.

Taken to Brattleboro and Before Judge Wheeler Today.

Rutland, March 9.—United States Deputy Marshal F. H. Chapman of this city served a grand jury capias this morning on John D. Salsbury, the Poultney counterfeit, as the result of an indictment found at the recent session of the Federal court at Burlington. The officer took Salsbury to Brattleboro to be sentenced by Judge Wheeler.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Will Be Held at Enosburg Falls This Year, Beginning April 18.

St. Albans, March 9.—The 61st annual session of the Vermont conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held this year at Enosburg Falls. The conference, which will be in session for nearly a week, will open on Monday, April 18, and continue until Monday, the 25th, with Bishop David H. Moore of Portland, Ore., presiding.

The Middle's Exhibition.

The first part of the annual exhibition by the middle class at Spaulding high school opens tomorrow afternoon in the high school chapel at 2:30, the following being the programme:

Star Legends.....Miss Averill
The Dykes of Holland.....Ayers
Historic Friendships.....Miss Nelson
Japanese Pottery.....Miss Marr
England in Egypt.....Hayden
Vermont in Literature.....Miss McWhorter
Music—The Angels' Serenade—Braga
H. S. Girls' Chorus
Flora of Barre.....Miss McDonald
Joan of Arc.....Boutwell
Molds.....Miss Trail
Thermometer.....Vaino
Music—Selected
The Shakers.....Miss Taylor
Architecture of Spain.....Gordon
A Day With a Prehistoric Family
Miss Jones
Practice of Medicine Among the Ancients
Robinson

All friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

Yes Vote Sells Hotel.

Rutland, March 9.—Hotel Poultney was sold last night by M. McCarey to George M. Gilfeather, the present lessee, for \$15,000. The sale was the result of the town voting to have licensed saloons.

ACCEPTS
THE CALL

Rev. Charles C. Conner to Be Pastor.

OF UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Pastorate to Begin on May 1st -- Rev. Mr. Conner Will Preach at the Church Next Sunday.

Rev. Charles C. Conner has accepted the call to the Universalist church in Barre, in a letter received by the church committee yesterday. Rev. Mr. Conner will begin his pastoral duties here May 1st, though he will occupy the pulpit next Sunday, and may once or twice on other Sundays before May 1st. The letter:

Monson, Mass., Mar. 7, 1905.
To the Universalist Parish of Barre, Vt.

The call which was extended to me through your trustees to become your pastor has been considered by me and mine, and I now write to you my formal acceptance, the pastorate to begin the coming May 1st.

The spirit of your invitation was appreciated, as there was betokened in your desire to co-operate with me in the work for our church, which is to be done in your midst. I want to consecrate myself to it. I want to be your friend and help individually and collectively. And I pray that the blessing of God, our Heavenly Father, may attend us, and that His pleasure may prosper in our hands.

Cordially,
Charles C. Conner.

Rev. Mr. Conner will preach morning and evening next Sunday. His morning subject will be "Power of Association," and his evening subject "Counting One."

WANTS ORGANIZATION.

Citizen Would Encourage and Aid Officers in Enforcement of Law.

Editor Times: The suggestion in the editorial of yesterday's issue, with regard to the formation of a law and order league should be acted on at once. Let us stop the whining cry: "It can't be done," when speaking of the enforcement of the liquor law. Let those who are paid to see that the law is not broken be given to understand that any neglect on their part will be speedily detected and severely punished. Some years ago nothing was more common than accusations against officials, not only of neglect of duty, but collusion with the law breakers. With a strong, healthy public sentiment upholding a vigilant administration, there should be no great difficulty in the enforcement of law. Further, if possible, let all law breakers be sent to Rutland--no fines which they can so well afford to pay. Let them be forced to take their medicine, in spite of all their appeals and dodging by means of technicalities in legal matters, let the above policy be strictly adhered to with no let-up, and I am much mistaken if the illegal rum sellers won't get sick of the business and give it up. Let us not stand a confessed failure as regards the enforcement of law, but go to work and stamp this curse out as we would a plague.

FUNERAL OF MILO CURTIS.

Held Yesterday Afternoon from His Late Home.

The funeral of the late Milo Curtis was held from his late home on Maple avenue yesterday afternoon, the Rev. R. F. Lowe officiating.

The services were attended by a large delegation from local Masonic bodies, and also by a large body of Jones Brothers' employees. The remains were placed in the tomb at Elmwood cemetery after Masonic rites.

The pall bearers were Eustice Ritchie, Thomas Bailey, Riley Burgess, John Sowles and Charles Lundgren.

The many and beautiful floral tributes were: Pillow of roses and carnations, Mrs. Curtis; calla lilies, the children; set piece, roses, carnations and calla lilies, Jones Brothers' employees; fifty yellow roses, Jones Brothers company; anchor, roses and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Leith and family; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reid; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Lawless; carnations, Segels & Brady; carnations and hyacinths, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kesson; carnations and hyacinths, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ritchie; carnations, Walter Morgan; daffodils, tulips and carnations, Mrs. Callaghan.

LAID AT REST.

Funeral of Mrs. Caroline A. Kinney Held Yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. Caroline A. Kinney was held at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Wheaton. Rev. F. A. Poole of the Congregational church officiated and music was furnished by a mixed quartette composed of Mrs. B. W. Bralley, Miss Maude E. Harris, W. D. Kidder and Frank Dyer. The house was well filled with relatives and friends and the many beautiful flowers bespoke the esteem in which the deceased was held.

The pall bearers were George Wheaton, Elmer Owens, Charles Wheeler and Edgar Carleton. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at Elmwood cemetery.